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REF: Proposed Adoption of PEX Tubing to the (CPC) Title 24, Part 5

Dear Ms. Namba,

I am a lifelong resident of the State of California. My wife and I are in the process of building our long awaited "dream home" in a rural area of Madera County. Making the decision to construct a new home in an uncertain economy is very risky but considering our backgrounds in real estate and manufacturing, we believe we can manage the uncertainty. However, in order to fulfill our dream we must be able to control every detail of construction to include construction material.

When we submitted our drawings to plan check we were told that we would not be allowed to use PEX tubing in any of the plumbing. Ms. Namba, the cost of the alternatives is unimaginable! Our plumbing contractor estimates that the use of copper pipe will exceed 300% of our original budget estimate! This cost does not include engineering, interest or scheduling while waiting for the plumbers to sweat copper pipe.

I have learned that the residents of California were mislead into believing that certain construction materials pose an unsubstantiated health hazard supported by innuendo or political expediency. I was also informed by our local jurisdiction that up until 1/1/2008 PEX tubing was widely used in virtually every jurisdiction in the State of California excluding those with strong union influence.

This is unacceptable. The State of California has an obligation to provide the atmosphere of growth; it has a responsibility to unleash the technology that provides safe effective and energy efficient alternative materials to contractors, developers and most of all to the tax payers.

I ask the State of California to follow the steps of thousands of jurisdictions across the country and in Europe, and adopt PEX tubing to the 2007 plumbing code (CPC) California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 5.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter as many California residents are eager to have this resolved.

Regards,



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